

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

WORLD AIDS DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, UNAIDS estimates that approximately 30 to 36 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for World Health is encouraging better understanding of the challenges of HIV/AIDS nationally, as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase, with an estimated 1,106,400 people in the United States now infected and between 48,000 and 64,500 new HIV infections occurring every year; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina almost 11,000 people have died from AIDS; almost 21,600 persons are known to be living with HIV/AIDS; and an additional 11,400 persons may be unaware of their infection or have never been reported; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day 2008 marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, the day when individuals and organizations from around the world have come together since 1988 to bring attention to the global AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the World AIDS Day 2008 theme, "Lead – Empower – Deliver," encourages people to take personal responsibility in the fight against AIDS, be accountable, and address the devastation of the HIV/AIDS global epidemic with leadership, honesty and action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2008, as "**WORLD AIDS DAY**" in North Carolina. I urge all North Carolinians to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS around the world, particularly here in North Carolina.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Easley".
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.